

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected the Claims of the application except for 1/8, 1/2, 1/2/3/8, 1/4/8, 1/12, 1/2/12, 1/2/3/12, 1/4/12 which are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has revised Claim 1 to include the limitations of Claim 12. Applicant has further revised Claim 8 to make it more clear and has revised Claim 12. Claims 1 to 12 are dependent, directly or indirectly on the revised Claim 1 and are therefore allowable. Claim 13 has been amended as have Claims 14 and 15 and it is respectfully submitted that Claims 13 to 15 are allowable. New Claims 16 to 20 have been added. Claim 16 is Claim 8 including all of the limitations of Claim 1 and Claim 16 is therefore allowable. Claims 17 to 20 are dependent on Claim 16 directly or indirectly and are therefore also allowable.

The Schmidt patent describes a wind turbine in which substantially the entire weight of turbine wheel 14 is supported on wheels 84, 86, 88, 90, 96, 98, 110, and therefore the carriage 16 supports substantially the entire weight of the turbine wheel 14. The arrangement of the wheels creates a maximum amount of friction between the rim 26 and the power take off wheels.

The Blakemore patent describes a ring/shroud 14 that passes through the blades 16, 18 and 20 and rotates with the blades. One or more generators 36, 38 are mounted on struts 40 that extend radially outward from the nacelle 44. None of the Prior Art patents cited and relied upon by the Examiner teach the use of a controller to control the speed of a wind turbine by adjusting the number or force of rotators onto a ring of the turbine while the blades are rotating.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 1 to 12 and 16 to 19 are patentable as they describe allowable subject matter. It is described in the Office Action 13 to 15 are allowable as they have been revised to distinguish over the Prior Art.

Applicant will pay additional claims fees on the filing of this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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